

GETS ADMIRAL EVANS TO CARRY BAGGAGE

Lady Makes Test of Naval Officer's Gallantry. Stands It Well.

TRIP TO PACIFIC GREAT PROJECT

This Expedition Will Be Watched by Naval Departments of World—Fleet to Be Accompanied by Many Colliers Carrying Supplies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., August 25.—The North Atlantic fleet, almost in its entirety, is at anchor in Hampton Roads, between Old Point Comfort and the Jamestown Exposition grounds. Fifteen heavy battleships of the fleet, all save one, the Alabama, and several small cruisers, are there. It is the longest fleet which has assembled here since the departure of the international fleet which assembled in honor of the Jamestown Tercentennial. It may be accepted that the fleet will sail from Hampton Roads for the Pacific on December 15th. What is the date set for the sailing by Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief, and it is more than likely that he will have his way.

Rear Admiral Bronson, who has been acting Secretary of the Navy, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Newberry, it is said, are in favor of dispatching the fleet to the Pacific much earlier. Rear-Admiral Bronson is credited with having said that it might sail immediately, and Assistant Secretary Newberry that it could go in fifteen days, but Admiral Evans thought differently and fixed December 15th, the earliest date at which it could sail. Accompanying the fleet to the Pacific will be twenty-eight colliers, carrying upward of 150,000 tons of coal. The ships will make two stops on the way that their crews might be given liberty, one at Rio Janeiro, and another at Calcut.

Gigantic Expedition.

Naval authorities here are of the opinion that the cruise of the fleet to the Pacific is the most gigantic expedition ever undertaken by any navy, and that its progress will be watched by all nations.

One authority is of the opinion that the expedition will test the fitness of the ships even as war ships. Rear-Admiral Evans is now in personal command of the fleet, having arrived yesterday from New York. The admiral's gallantry was tested on his arrival at Old Point Comfort. He was equal to the test, and then had some to spare. Standing beside him on deck, as the steamer approached the wharf, were two good women, encumbered with a baby, handbags and packages—the kind who are always ready to lend a helping hand to others, and who will ask assistance when it is twenty years old. The admiral, with the burdens touching the admiral on the shoulder and asked him if he was going to get off the boat at the wharf.

"Yes, madam; what can I do for you?" responded the admiral, and the lady, who had been helping him out with our things, "We have more than we can carry," said the lady.

"Certainly, madam; only too pleased to," was the quick reply.

The lady did not give the commander-in-chief of the mighty fleet anchored immediately off the pier her baby to be taken ashore, but a big dress-suit case and a package. On the wharf the admiral asked if he could be of further assistance, but was assured that he could not be.

YOUNG WOMAN KILLS ASSAILANT

Aged Man Shot at Her in Absence of Husband and She Returned Fire.

MOUNT STERLING, KY., August 25.—Alma Thomas, seventy years old, a farmer, was shot and killed to-day by Mrs. Kate Brunet, a twenty-year-old wife of Abe Brunet, another farmer. Brunet was a tenant of Thomas, and they had a disagreement. To-day while Brunet was away from home Thomas shot at Mrs. Brunet three times, one bullet grazing her head. She got a revolver and fired "but Thomas fired three times, one bullet piercing the brain. The young woman is in a delicate and critical condition. Thomas leaves a family. Mrs. Brunet is highly respected.

TERRIBLE STORM SWEEPS COUNTY

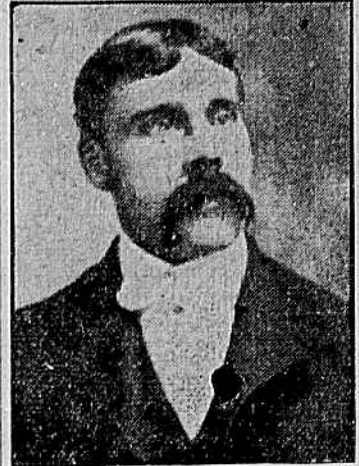
Houses Destroyed—Wind Cut Wide Swath—One Woman Hurt.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., August 25.—A storm that approached the dimensions of a cyclone did great damage last night and early to-day in Somerset county, Pa. The wind was a terrific gale, and in the vicinity of Dossell, near here, a path of 500 yards wide and a mile long was swept by a terrific wind. Houses and barns were destroyed and growing crops leveled. Mrs. David Peterson was probably fatally injured when her house was blown down. The tracks of the Pittsburgh, Westmoreland and Somerset Railroad were washed away in a number of places, tying up the road.

TEN KILLED AND MANY HURT IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

COUTRAS, FRANCE, August 25.—Ten persons were killed and twenty-five injured in a head-on collision to-day between an express train bound for Bordeaux in Paris and a freight train. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch. None of those killed or wounded were Americans.

BODY OF DROWNED MAN IS IDENTIFIED



L. T. BOLTON.

SERGEANT McMAHON IDENTIFIES BODY

Man Found in James River Some Days Ago Was L. T. Bolton, of Charlottesville.

DETECTIVE WAS PERSISTENT

Was Unaided by County Authorities, Who Had Dead Man's Address.

After a long and difficult search, hampered by many obstacles, Detective-Sergeant McMahon yesterday afternoon identified the body of an unknown white man found a few days ago in the James River as that of L. T. Bolton, a Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad conductor, of Charlottesville. Bolton had been missing for some days, and Sergeant McMahon had been searching for him, at the same time he was looking for the missing boy, Cousin, son of Mrs. Groot, of 1115 Grove Avenue, who disappeared from home some time ago. Notwithstanding the fact that his railroad time table, in which was his address, his pocket-book and pocket-knife, a bill to Mr. Bunch, of Charlottesville, his watch keys and railroad keys were in his pockets, the Henrico county authorities, seemingly made no effort to acquaint themselves with the identity of the man, and he was buried in Potter's field, his coffin being an old goods box.

It was not until he had assured himself that the body was that of Mr. Bolton that Sergeant McMahon knew of the existence of these possessions of the dead man, and the credit of establishing his identity belongs solely to Sergeant McMahon, who, on the other hand, sent his run from Charlottesville to Richmond some days ago, and then disappeared, leaving no trace behind to help the alarmed relatives of the detective.

The detective read the newspaper account of the finding of a body in the James River, and he telephoned to Mr. Groot, asking her to come to look at the body. They met at the County Courthouse, and then learned that the body had been taken out into the county. Mr. McMahon telephoned to Mr. Crouch, of the Henrico County Almshouse, who received the message before burying the body, to be on hand in the morning. On seeing the body, which was disinterred for him, Sergeant McMahon was satisfied that it was not that of Cousin, but of Bolton, and he took an hour to the coroner's office, where he lay in his grave. He sent a message to W. E. Bolton, the man's brother, asking him to meet him in the clerk's office.

Wife and Child Here.

In the meanwhile Mrs. Bolton and her child had come down to Richmond from Charlottesville, and Sergeant McMahon went to see her. He asked her for a description of her husband, and then, turning to his own description of the dead man, found that they tallied. Sergeant McMahon was satisfied that the dead man was Bolton, and the body was disinterred for the second time, and was taken to the Bennett undertaking establishment, where it will be prepared for burial and sent to-day to Carlyle, Va., for interment.

Some One Was Negligent.

Sergeant McMahon received no information whatever from the county coroner until after he had established the identity of the dead man; then the articles found in Bolton's pockets were turned over to the detective, who has them now in his possession. Had he not been so energetic and persistent work of the detective the railroad conductor would have been lying in a pauper's grave and his distressed family would never have learned anything of his sad ending.

Why the county authorities took such a little part in the affair is not explained, but it seems that the only information received from them came when it was unnecessary, for Sergeant McMahon had then finished his work.

Death Is a Mystery.

Mrs. Bolton and her child are staying with her father-in-law and brother-in-law, at No. 418 Buchanan Street. Three years ago another brother was killed in the Locomotive Works, being horribly mangled by some machinery. Mr. Bolton is survived by his mother and three brothers, and by his wife and one child. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors.

The manner of his death has never been ascertained, but it seems certain that it was accidental, as there were no marks of violence about his person.

CITY HOME SCANDAL IS REVIVED AGAIN

Superintendent Davis Wants Grand Jury to Go Into Case.

SENDS LETTER TO JUDGE WITT

Also Urges Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes to Prosecute the Grafters—Lovenstein Leaves Town—Davis Appeals to the Council.

That the City Home scandal has not reached its most sensational stage was shown yesterday by the announcement that Superintendent George B. Davis had written to Judge Witt and Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes, urging them to have the grand jury investigate more thoroughly the evidence that bids had been tampered with, the Hobson charges having been fully established. Judge Witt is out of the city. Mr. Folkes said last night that he had not received the letter. He was not willing to discuss a matter which must have his attention officially within the next few days.

"In the letters which I mailed to-day," said Mr. Davis last night, "I urged that further effort be made to find the men guilty of opening the bids. I do not believe that the case should end with the dismissal of Mr. Lovenstein, and I shall so state in a letter to Council. I have urged the authorities to go more deeply into the affair, with a view of ascertaining who was in the conspiracy, if one existed, and who would receive the benefit of information secured in advance by opening the envelopes.

"In my letter I emphasized the importance of prompt action by the court, and gave assurance to Judge Witt and Mr. Folkes that I would aid them in every way possible. If Mr. Lovenstein opened the bids, he had a purpose, of course. What I am anxious to know is the name of the man or men who got this information in advance. The good name of the City Home demands that something more be done."

Mr. Lovenstein Goes Away.

Former Assistant Superintendent Isadore Lovenstein has left town for a few days. There was no one at his home when a reporter called yesterday afternoon. On Saturday a note was left with Mr. Davis, in which it was said that Mr. Lovenstein had gone North in the hope that his condition might be improved, the statement being made that he would return here on Thursday. Having protested his innocence, it is believed that Mr. Lovenstein might be able to explain the mystery and thereby clear himself of the suspicion which rests upon him by reason of his expulsion. Apparently he has not been able heretofore to assist the committee. His friends contend that if he has been exposed in the past, he should no longer rest under a cloud.

Grand Jury After Culprits.

So that as it may, however, the grand jury seldom fails in a matter of this kind, and when it begins to probe it will have the benefit of information and testimony which was not brought out at the meeting of the committee having the investigation in charge. The public, it seems, is not so much interested in the punishment of a guilty official or outsider as it is anxious to know the truth, and to find out if there was a conspiracy, and in whose behalf.

About the Other Contracts.

Mr. Davis said yesterday that when the wood contract was awarded in 1905 he was out of the city, and that Mr. Lovenstein was acting superintendent. Mr. Davis was in Portland attending the session of the Conference on Charities and Corrections. Last year when wood contracts were awarded the Richmond Coal Company submitted the lowest bid, its price being \$14.3 a cord. The company, however, did not accept and new bids were asked.

When they were opened it was found that Charles Gunst and A. Blocker gave the same selling figure, \$5, and Mr. Gunst secured the business. Mr. Gunst and another bidder each offered to sell the same price in the bids this year, which were thrown out.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night, it is understood that the investigation, or rather the report of the committee, will provoke some discussion, and the letter of Mr. Davis will be read and read at that time. It is entirely in the province of Council to proceed further on its own initiative without waiting for the grand jury. The scandal has assumed such proportions that there is a strong demand from the people to see it through. While the investigation is in progress, the people are entitled to know the truth. The case would drop with the dismissal of the assistant superintendent, conditions have changed greatly and public sentiment is having much to do with future consideration of the charges.

STABAGED WOMAN AND SON IN DARK

Seven Men Arrested in Washington on Serious Charge.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 25.—Seven men, five of whom are being held, were arrested to-day on suspicion of having knowledge of a mysterious fire which occurred at the home of Mrs. Mary Carrio, early this morning.

Mrs. Carrio, who is sixty-three years old, was awakened by a noise in the room. As she raised up in bed she was murdered by a man with a knife. She was stabbed repeatedly over the heart, and her son, Joseph Carrio, who ran to his mother's assistance, was also stabbed several times. The assailant escaped.

Mrs. Carrio and her son will recover. The police believe that the attack on the woman grew out of a family quarrel. There was no light in the room, and Mrs. Carrio and her son could give no description of the man who attacked them.

LATE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY HOME WHOSE RESIGNATION WAS DEMANDED



ISADORE LOVENSTEIN.

COMMITTEE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES

Members of Congress Who Have Direction of Appropriations Will Go to Panama.

GET BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Chairman Tawney Makes Suggestion of Trip, That Members Can Talk With Engineers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 25.—An examination on the ground of the estimates for the appropriations for continuing work on the Panama Canal, submitted by Secretary Taft for the fiscal year 1909, is to be made by members of the next Congress, which will have charge of the preparation of the sundry civil bill, in which the appropriation for the canal is incorporated.

The proposed visit is the outcome of a suggestion from Representative James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, who was at the Isthmus following the adjournment last March. He believes it will be to the best interests of the service, as well as to those directly and indirectly in charge of the administration of the canal, that the members of the Appropriations Committee, having in charge the preparation of the sundry civil bill, go to the Isthmus with the estimates for the next fiscal year and consider them carefully with the officials having supervision of expenditures for all kinds of work being done.

The suggestion has met with a hearty response from those identified with the commission's work, who believe that a great deal of good will result from a heart to heart talk between the representatives who prepare the appropriations and the officials who spend it, and that it will clear away in advance any misapprehensions or misunderstandings that may exist as to the justice and propriety of allotting the money estimated to be necessary for the year's work. Of particular importance is the proposed visit regarded at the present time, when the question is now before the President whether the commission can lawfully expend during the present fiscal year any more money than was specifically appropriated. Colonel Goethals having reported to the authorities in Washington that the work has progressed so rapidly that it will be in the interest of true economy to exceed that amount to the extent of \$5,000,000, and by reason of which he thinks a year's time will be saved in the completion of the great waterway. Officials here think Congress may, as a result of the observations of the members of the Appropriations Committee, who go to the Isthmus, see fit to provide legislation under which work may proceed regardless of the appropriations, if this authority does not already exist. The committee will leave New York November 5th and return to Washington in time for the opening of Congress in December. Major Hodges, purchasing agent of the Canal Commission, whose headquarters are in Washington, also expects to make a trip to the Isthmus about the middle of September.

TUCKER'S FRIENDS RESENT BARR'S ACT

Appointment of Kohlsaat as Master of Ceremonies Robs President of His Duties.

A BITTER FIGHT IS LIKELY

Many Hold That President's Duties Are Prescribed by Directors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., August 25.—The appointment of Charles W. Kohlsaat by Director-General James M. Barr as social and diplomatic representative of the Jamestown Exposition, has not been allowed to pass without much pointed criticism. There are those who approve of it and those who disapprove. The appointment took the exposition directors by surprise; some of them like it, and some of them do not. Perhaps most of them do not. The friends of Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, president of the exposition, think that it strips him of all duty in connection with the exposition, and that his duties being defined by the directors, cannot be interfered with by the directors general. They say that the order is of no effect; at any rate, it will be fought.

Social affairs in connection with the exposition were managed unsatisfactorily to many people, it is alleged, and it is freely stated that this dissatisfaction prompted the appointment of Mr. Kohlsaat. It has even gone so far as to be said that the affair will result in either the resignation of the president or the director-general.

Social War, It Is Said.

When the announcement of the transfer of the important duties of the ceremonies department from Mr. Tucker to Mr. Kohlsaat became noised about the Exposition grounds last yesterday afternoon, it was commonly talked about that a social war is raging, in which the wives of high officials of the State of Virginia and the Exposition Company figure. Since the opening of the exposition Mr. Tucker has directed the ceremonial end of the great show.

Mr. Tucker is in Maine, and it is known that as soon as Mr. Barr's order was issued his friends got in long distance telephone communication with him. What Mr. Tucker had to say upon the subject could not be learned.

Mr. Kohlsaat, who will now be practically the head of the ceremonies department, if Mr. Barr's order stands, is recognized as a man eminently fitted for his new duties.

DAY ONE OF PEACE WITH MEAT WAGON-STRIKERS

NEW YORK, August 25.—To-day was one of peace so far as the strike of the meat wagon drivers was concerned. Meat is never delivered on Sunday except in cases of a great necessity, and as usual no wagons were out. The strikers gathered in the vicinity of the packing houses, but were kept moving by the police, and created no disturbance.

EUROPE TRYING TO BUY AMERICAN COAL

Austro-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce's Order for 200,000 Tons Is Declined.

BIG FLEETS BURN IT

Increase in Foreign Navies Brings About Alarming Shortage.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 25.—Because of its inability to fill the order, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company was compelled to decline a contract for two hundred thousand tons of anthracite, the order for which was tendered by a representative of the Austro-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce. The proposed purchasers were willing to pay the regular price for placing the coal on board vessels, either here or in New York.

Another order for 200,000 tons of bituminous coal, wanted by the Italian government, is also being offered to the largest soft coal operators of the United States, with little prospect of its being taken, because of the great expense in delivering it to the Italian destination designated. Other foreign orders have been offered to American operators with lack of success.

Big Fleets Burn It.

The great demand for coal by foreign governments is attributed to the increased amount of coal consumed by the naval vessels, the number of which has grown rapidly within the last two years. All native coal is being used for this purpose, and the supply is not equal to the demand. Added to this is the coal required for other government institutions, as well as for industrial consumption.

An officer of the Reading company explained that his company was compelled to decline all such orders because of the great demand for coal among customers in this country, and because of the scarcity of labor at the collieries. The same conditions confronted every other anthracite company, as well as all bituminous operators, he said. It was further explained that the shortage of all grades of coal is increasing daily, and many Western railroads are now much disturbed concerning their supplies for the coming winter.

STOCKBROKER AND CHAUFFEUR ARE INSTANTLY KILLED

SAUNDERSTOWN, R. I., Aug. 25.—W. Waldo Merrill, of 215 Beacon Street, Boston, a State Street stockbroker, and Eric Landstrom, of Mattapan, Mass., a chauffeur, were killed to-day by the overturning of an automobile, which crashed into a strong wall at a sharp curve in the road leading to Narragansett Pier. Four other occupants of the touring car, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Miliken, of Milton, Mass., their daughter, Miss Rita Miliken, and Mrs. Merrill, wife of W. Waldo Merrill, escaped with slight injuries.

Nothing from MacLean.

TANGIER, August 25.—No news was received here to-day concerning Capt. Sir Harry MacLean.

CONVENTION MEN IN HIGH PLACES

Framers of New Constitution Hold Exalted Positions.

MANY WEAR THE JUDICIAL ERMINE

Fill Important Offices All the Way from United States Senator to Commonwealth's Attorney—Death Has Claimed an Even Dozen.

BY C. A. BOYCE.

Perhaps the ablest body of men who have deliberated over and settled great problems in Virginia in the past two generations were those who composed the Constitutional Convention of 1901-2, and it is interesting to note the movements and varying fortunes of the members after a lapse of five years since adjournment. Considering the fact that the late Virginia Newton, a member from Richmond city, resigned, and Hon. Otway S. Allen was elected in his stead, 101 members served in the convention.

Not a single death occurred during the session, but shortly after adjournment, Hon. Horace F. Crismond, one of the most delightful men who ever lived, and who had served the district composed of the county of Spotsylvania and the city of Fredericksburg with conspicuous fidelity, answered the call, and weary of his labors, died.

Shortly thereafter Hon. Nathan Phillips, Republican, of Floyd, was kicked by a mule, and died almost instantly. In the meantime the following other members have died, making twelve in all: Hon. William Henry Boaz (Democrat), Albemarle; Hon. J. A. Bristow (Republican), Middlesex; Judge Berryman Green (Democrat), Danville; Judge B. A. Hancock (Democrat), Chesterfield; Dr. John W. Lawson (Democrat), Isle of Wight; Hon. Charles E. Miller (Democrat), Pittsylvania; Hon. Virginia Newton (Democrat), Richmond; Hon. William B. Pettit (Democrat), Fluvanna; Hon. John C. Summers (Republican), Washington county; Hon. George P. Tarry (Democrat), Mecklenburg.

Couldn't Down Them.

After the convention adjourned there was a good deal of feeling against those who especially among politicians and officeholders, whose places had been abolished, or whose perquisites had been curtailed, and it was freely asserted that, with rare exceptions, the men who composed the convention would never again be heard of in public life.

The prediction has in no wise come true. The roll-call of the convention will reveal the fact that many of the men who composed it are in exalted and distinguished positions at the bar, on the bench and in the halls of the State and National Legislatures, and it happens more frequently than otherwise that when one of them contests for a public honor he wins. The answer is that they are a rule men, of ability, character and popularity, and that the great instrument which is their handiwork is becoming more valuable and popular with each succeeding year.

Roll of Honor.

Here is a list of the convention members who are holding distinguished positions in Virginia to-day, from United States Senator to Commonwealth's Attorney: United States Senator—John W. Daniel, Lynchburg.

Members of Congress—Carter Glass, Lynchburg; Harry D. Flood, Appomattox.

Member of Corporation Commission—Henry C. Stuart, Russell.

Attorney-General—William A. Anderson, Rockbridge.

Secretary of the Commonwealth—David C. Eggleston, Charlotte.

Circuit Judges—George K. Anderson, Alleghany; Bennett T. Gordon, Nelson; Thomas W. Harrison, Winchester; Claggett B. Jones, King and Queen; J. B. T. Thomas, Prince William; Walter A. Watson, Chesterfield; William N. Portlock, Portsmouth.

Judge Law and Equity Court Richmond city—John Henry Ingram.

Others Elected.

Judge G. Taylor Garnett, of Mathews, is another member of the convention who was elected to the circuit bench.

He defeated Hon. Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen, but at the following election he was in turn defeated by Judge Jones.

Still another thus honored was the late Judge B. A. Hancock, who was in the convention from Chesterfield county.

He occupied the seat on the bench now held by Judge Walter A. Watson, until death claimed him a few years ago.

Hon. Henry Fairfax, of Loudoun, served as a member of the Corporation Commission, but resigned.

The following members of the convention are members of the Virginia State Senate: Messrs. George B. Kezell, A. F. Ligon, R. S. Parks and C. Harding Walker.

Hon. Robert W. Blair, who represented Wythe county, is United States Internal revenue agent, at a salary far up in the thousands, and Hon. Thomas Lee Moore, of Montgomery, is United States attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

The following are attorneys for the Commonwealth in their respective counties: Messrs. Manly H. Barnes, New Kent; Wood Bouldin, Halifax; Preston W. Campbell, Washington county; Francis J. Eves, Dinwiddie; R. Lindsay Gordon, Louisa; J. M. Hooker, Patrick; Edmund W. Hubbard, Buckingham, and Timothy Rivers, Prince George.